

CAMBRIAN' RAILWAYS? by J. S. Nelson..

Under the heading Cambrian Railways in the Society's railway catalogue there appears as Die 2 the perfin C R, height 4mm, holes 8,11. This die was said in 1976 to be known on only two copies of QV ½d line engraved, plate 20, used on two goods notices from Machynlleth to Llwyngwern Quarry in 1880.

Several years ago, when in mid-Wales, I visited a tourist attraction called the Corris Railway and brought away a booklet which included a map of the old line. I came across the booklet recently and there, on the map, spotted the name Llwyngwern Quarry about mid-way between Machynlleth and Corris.

Perhaps it was easier to get a smaller die on these ½d stamps but among several CAM/RYS dies, C R does look a bit uncomfortable. I wonder if in fact C R is the die of the Corris Railway which was a Co. quite independent of Cambrian at that time. Any views from the railway perfin specialists?
